

## House Resolution 674

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## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Hyatt Regency Atlanta and congratulating it on its 40th anniversary celebration;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Hyatt Regency Atlanta suffered nearly universal ridicule upon its construction  
4 in 1967 when architect John Portman, ignoring standard "form follows function" guidelines  
5 of the day, designed a hotel atrium lobby patterned after the atrium concept of ancient Roman  
6 times, making it the first contemporary atrium hotel in the world; and

7 WHEREAS, the concept of an atrium lobby began a revolution in the design of hotels,  
8 placing Hyatt Regency Atlanta in the forefront of the luxury hotel industry; and

9 WHEREAS, the hotel opened on May 1, 1967, and towered 22 stories high to be the tallest  
10 building in downtown Atlanta, and in less than three months, it had a 94.6 percent occupancy  
11 rate; and

12 WHEREAS, the hotel holds the honorable distinction of being the first major downtown  
13 hotel to welcome the African American community as guests in Atlanta; and

14 WHEREAS, Hyatt Regency Atlanta and the African American community are linked by  
15 shared history and community connections that gave birth to the Heritage Celebration in  
16 2003 which honored and celebrated their rich history and recognized the many dedicated 30  
17 year plus employees and loyal clients; and

18 WHEREAS, the hotel is known for its exceptional corporate citizenship and long-standing  
19 community engagement; and

20 WHEREAS, Hyatt Regency Atlanta established a tradition of recognizing and supporting the  
21 city's firefighters, and the Hyatt family serves holiday dinner with all the trimmings to the  
22 firefighters on duty in the six downtown fire stations on December 25th; and

1 WHEREAS, Hyatt Regency Atlanta also teamed up with 4-H and Habitat for Humanity to  
2 build a home for a family in need last year; and

3 WHEREAS, today the 1,260 room hotel is one of the nation's premier convention and trade  
4 show facilities with 180,000 square feet of ballroom, exhibit, and meeting and hospitality  
5 space; and

6 WHEREAS, in conjunction with the hotel's 40th anniversary, Hyatt Regency Atlanta will  
7 complete its \$8 million guest room renovation of the former Ivy Tower in March; and

8 WHEREAS, the 200 guest rooms have been transformed into classic modern accommodations,  
9 appealing to convention, leisure, and business travelers alike; and

10 WHEREAS, May 1, 2007, forty years later, the landmark hotel and its parent company,  
11 Hyatt Hotels and Resorts, are recognized as architectural innovators, and they will celebrate  
12 and reconfirm their commitment to Atlanta and Georgia as strong economic contributors and  
13 good corporate citizens.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
15 the members of this body recognize Hyatt Regency Atlanta's contribution to the City of  
16 Atlanta and the State of Georgia and congratulate it on its 40th anniversary celebration.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Hyatt Regency Atlanta.